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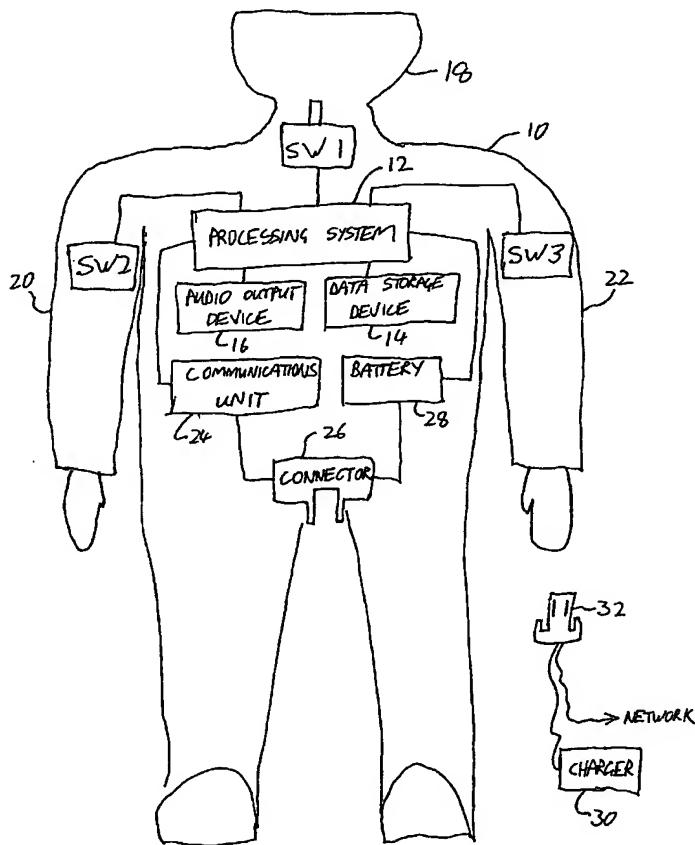
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(57) Abstract: A story-telling doll includes a doll body (10) which contains a processing system (12) including at least one digital processor, a programmable data storage device (14) and an audio output device (16). At least one user-operable switch (SW1, SW2, SW3) is manually operable by manipulation of at least one region (18, 20, 22) of body (10) to provide an input signal to processing system (12). A communications unit (24), also contained within body (10), is configured to operate under control of processing unit (12) in response to the input signal to: (a) initiate a data communications link via a general purpose communications network with a remote content provider source, (b) transmit to the remote content provider a request for download of at least one data file including audio content, and (c) receive the at least one data file including audio content from the remote content provider. Processor system (12) is further configured to save the at least one data file in storage device (14) and subsequently to play the audio content read from the at least one data file via audio output device (16).

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